

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8869–S8918

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1833–1847. **Page S8913**

Measures Reported:

S. 134, to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–126)

S. 269, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–127)

H.R. 1162, to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office. (S. Rept. No. 113–128)

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Measures Passed:

Community Fire Safety Act: Senate passed H.R. 3588, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on the use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

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SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 947, to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and the bill was then passed.

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Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies: Senate passed S. 1847, to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

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Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the

“Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse and Federal Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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Paul Brown United States Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 185, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the “Paul Brown United States Courthouse”.

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Measures Considered:

Workforce Investment Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth.

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House Messages:

Budget Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

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Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with Reid Amendment No. 2547, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 2548 (to Amendment No. 2547), of a perfecting nature.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 67 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 279), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution.

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Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the joint resolution to Committee on the Budget, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2549, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution. **Page S8873**

Reid Amendment No. 2550 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2549), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2549 fell. **Page S8873**

Reid Amendment No. 2551 (to Amendment No. 2550), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2550 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) Amendment No. 2549) fell. **Page S8872**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate failed to table the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution, with Reid Amendment No. 2547, to change the enactment date. **Page S8898**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, post-cloture; and, that all time during adjournment count post-cloture on the motion to concur. **Page S8918**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2020. **Page S8918**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on June 11, 2013, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—280) **Pages S8872, S8898**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8918.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, both of the Department of the Interior, and Marc A. Kastner, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, both of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Chief Financial

Officer, and Thomas A. Burke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of Environmental Protection Agency, and Roy K. J. Williams, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, who was introduced by Senators Brown and Portman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CRISIS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine responding to the humanitarian, security and governance crisis in the Central African Republic, after receiving testimony from Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Linda Thomas Greenfield, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Alexis Arieff, Analyst in African Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lisabeth List, Doctors Without Borders, New York, New York; and Mark Schneider, International Crisis Group, Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NAVY YARD TRAGEDY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Navy Yard tragedy, focusing on the physical security for Federal facilities, including challenges facing the Federal Protective Service with contract guards and risk assessments at Federal facilities, after receiving testimony from Caitlin Durkovich, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, and Leonard E. Patterson, Director, Federal Protective Service, both of the National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen F. Lewis, Deputy Director for Personnel, Industrial and Physical Security Policy, Directorate of Security Policy and Oversight, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Mark L. Goldstein, Direc-

tor, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; Stephen Amitay, National Association of Security Companies, Washington, DC; and David L. Wright, American Federation of Government Employees, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

LIMITING PATENT ABUSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting small businesses and promoting innovation by limiting patent troll abuse, including S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, S. 1013, to amend title 35, United States Code, to add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits, and S. 1612, to deter abusive patent litigation by targeting the economic incentives that fuel frivolous lawsuits, after receiving testimony from John J. Dwyer, Jr., New England Federal Credit Union, Williston, Vermont; Michael Makin, Printing Industries of America, Sewickley, Pennsylvania; Dana Rao, Adobe Systems, Inc., San Jose, California; Philip S. Johnson, Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Steve Bossone, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Harry A. Wolin, AMD, Austin, Texas; and Q. Todd Dickinson, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Arlington, Virginia.

FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Arbitration Act and access to justice, focusing on if recent Supreme Court decisions undermine the rights of consumers, workers, and small businesses, including S. 878, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration, after receiving testimony from Leslie C. Overton, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Alan S. Carlson, Italian Colors Restaurant, Oakland, California; Myriam Gilles, Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York; Vildan A. Teske, Crowder, Teske, Katz and Micko, PLLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Archis A. Parasharami, Mayer Brown LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Peter B. Rutledge, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, and Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine what information data brokers have on consumers, and how they use it, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine the role of Social Security, defined benefits, and private retirement accounts in relation to retirement crisis, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine rebalance to Asia IV, focusing on economic engagement in the Asia-Pacific region, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Egypt Assistance Reform Act of 2013", S. 653, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia, S. Res. 314, commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day, S. Res. 288, supporting enhanced maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea and encouraging increased cooperation between the United States and West and Central African countries to fight armed robbery at sea, piracy, and other maritime threats, S. Res. 312, calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, one of the longest held United States civilians in our Nation's history, S. Res. 75, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, S. Res. 318, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the critical need for political reform in Bangladesh, S. Res. 317, expressing the sense of the Senate on the continuing relationship between the United

States and Georgia, an original resolution entitled, "in support of the Ukrainian people in light of President Yanukovich's decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union", and the nominations of Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years, and Keith Michael Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1417, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, S. 1719 and H.R. 3527, bills to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and the nominations of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, Steven Joel Anthony, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1352, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and the nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel D. Crabtree, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Cynthia Ann Bashant, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and Theodore David Chuang, and George Jarrod Hazel, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer, focusing on measuring the effectiveness of the reauthorization act and maximizing research dollars to America's small businesses, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Thursday, December 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.J. Res. 59, Budget Act, post-cloture.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013 in pro forma session.



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